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Through the McCMeeney-CNary Act of 1928, Congress authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a comprehensive survey of the forest resources of the United States. The Forest Survey was organized by the Forest Service to carry out the provisions of the Act through the regional Forest Experiment Stations. In the Southeastern states the Forest Survey is an activity of the Division of Forest Economics of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, North Carolina.

The five-fold purpose of the Forest Survey is (1) to make a field inventory of the present supply of standing timber, (2) to ascertain the rate at which this supply is being increased through growth, (3) to determine the rate at which it is being reduced through industrial and domestic uses, fire, and other causes, (4) to determine the present consumption and the probable future trend in requirements for forest products, and (5) to interpret and correlate these findings to aid in the formulation of private and public policies regarding forest land management.

The first Forest Survey of North Carolina was made during the late 1930's, and complete findings have been published. In 1952, a resurvey of the State was started to obtain up-to-date statistics on forest area, timber volume, growth, and the amount of timber cut. To date, progress reports on the resurvey have been issued for three of the four survey units as the field work was completed. This report covers the North Carolina Piedmont area, which is designated as Survey Unit No. 3. A statistical report for the entire State will be released in the near future.

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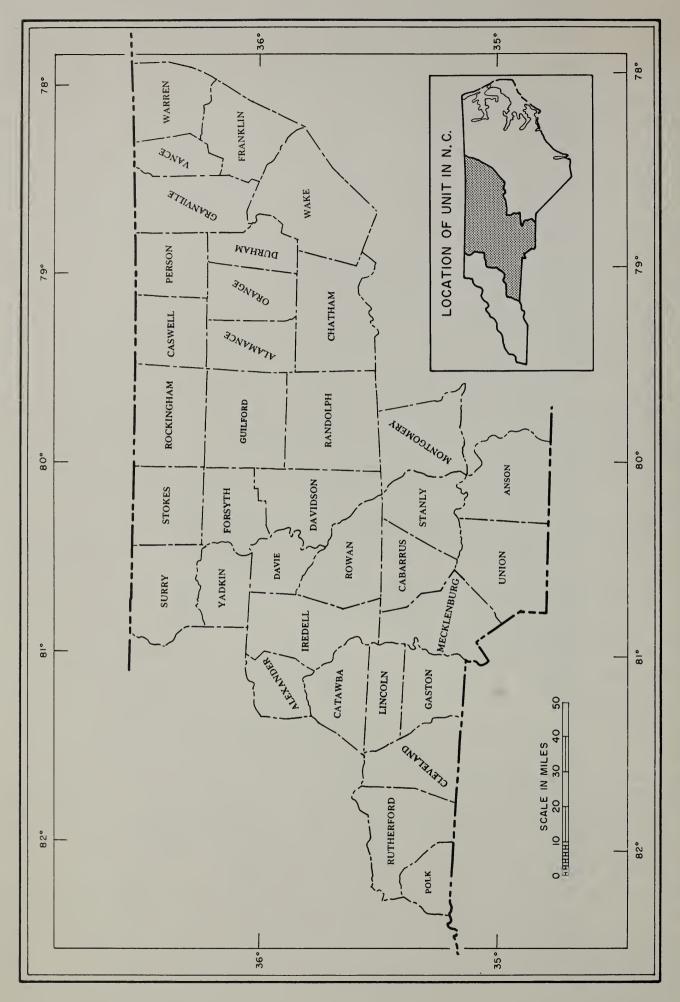


Figure 1.--Counties in the Piedmont of North Carolina included in Forest Survey Unit No. 3.

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The Piedmont of North Carolina (fig. 1) is an area of rolling to hilly land lying between the rugged mountains to the west and the flat, level Coastal Plain to the east. It stretches across the central part of the State in a broad band running northeast and southwest, being a portion of the Piedmont Plateau Region which extends from the Hudson River in New York State to east-central Alabama. Numerous small tracts of forest land intermingled with agricultural land are characteristic throughout the area. Small and highly diverse ownerships are the rule.

This progress report presents statistical information compiled from the second Forest Survey of North Carolina. Examination of systematically spaced points on aerial photographs provided information on forest area. A sample of the points classified as forest were selected to be examined on the ground. Measurements and observations on 1,640 one-fifth-acre plots distributed throughout the forest area in each of the 35 counties provided data on volume and growth of timber, on amount of timber cut, and on forest conditions. In addition to these forest plots, 680 nonforest plots were examined to check on the accuracy of the photo classification and to detect changes in land use since the photographs were made. Field work was done between July 1955 and January 1956.

The forest resources of North Carolina were first inventoried by the Forest Survey during the years 1937-38. Comparisons made between the results of the two surveys are discussed on the following pages to point out trends and changes which have taken place in the past 18 years. A careful adjustment of the 1937 data collected in the Piedmont has been made to eliminate differences due solely to changes in survey standards or methods used, so that comparisons would be valid.

PRESENT FOREST SITUATION AND RECENT TRENDS

Acreage of forest land shows 17-percent increase.--Piedmont North Carolina is the most heavily populated and industrialized section of the State, yet more than half the gross area is still forest land. The 1956 survey revealed that a total of 5.8 million acres,

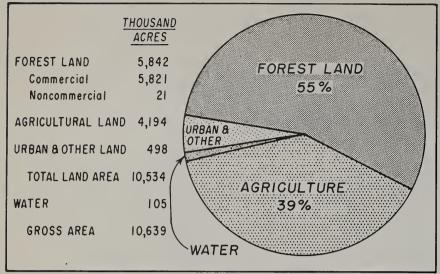


Figure 2.--Gross area of land and water in the Piedmont of North Carolina.

or 55 percent, was forested (fig. 2). Practically all of this acreage is available for production of commercial timber crops. Reserved land in State Parks, together with other noncommercial forest, amounts to only 21,000 acres.

In the North Carolina Piedmont, as in many areas throughout the Southeast, the trend is toward a shift from agricultural use to forest. Since 1937, the area of forest land increased by 869,000 acres, a gain of 17 percent. Most of this increase is former agricultural and pasture lands which have been allowed to revert to forests--usually the poorer land which because of increased farm productivity and mechanization is no longer needed for crops.

Private ownership accounts for 5.7 million acres, or 98 percent of all commercial forest land in the area. Less than 100,000 acres are publicly owned, and most of this acreage is in State Parks or in the Uwharrie National Forest purchase unit. Farmers own or manage nearly 88 percent of the forest land, and industrial or other private holdings make up the remainder. Data taken from the 1950 Census of Agriculture show that the average farm contains 71 acres, half of which is in woodland.

Pine acreage shows 12 percent drop.--Another trend found in the North Carolina Piedmont is a gradual conversion of forest types from pine to hardwood. There are now about 400,000 fewer acres of yellow pine types than in 1937, a decline of 12 percent in 18 years. On the other hand, hardwood types have made substantial gains. These changes have reduced the proportion of forest area in pine types from 72 percent at the beginning of the period to 54 percent at the present time (fig. 3).

Shortleaf, loblolly, and other yellow pine species are under heavy demand for the manufacture of forest products. Loggers

operating in mixed stands often cut all the pine but little of the hardwood timber. Thus, the residual stand often becomes a hardwood type.

The shortleaf pine type occupies 1.4 million acres and is the most important of the softwood group. Loblolly and Virginia pine types together also con-

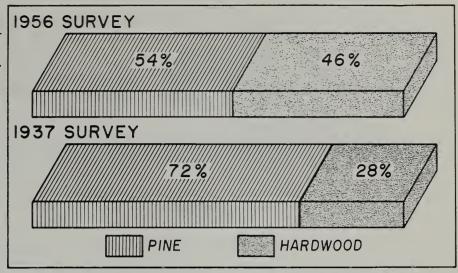


Figure 3.--Shift of forest area from pine types to hardwood.

tain more than 1 million acres. The most extensive hardwood type is oak-hickory, which covers nearly 2 million acres.

Pine sawtimber volume down 15 percent.--Cutting in excess of growth since 1937 decreased the volume of yellow pine sawtimber by 1.2 billion board-feet--a drop of 15 percent (table A).

Table A.--Comparison of sawtimber volume, 1937 to 1956

Species group	1937-1/	1956	Cha	nge
	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Percent
Yellow pines Other softwoods Hardwoods	7,605 54 5,002	6,443 62 6,956	-1,162 +8 +1,954	-15 +15 +39
All species	12,661	13,461	+800	+6

1/ Original survey volumes have been recomputed
to allow for differences in standards between the two
surveys and to provide a uniform basis for comparison.
Thus, the 1937 estimate shown here will not agree with
the volumes previously published.

Hardwood sawtimber, like hardwood type acreage, increased, showing a gain of almost 2 billion board-feet. This was more than enough to offset the drop in pine and, as a result, the total net increase in the sawtimber supply was 6 percent.

A comparison of stand tables for the two surveys shows that the number of pine sawtimber trees has decreased in all diameter classes. Losses range from 2.5 percent in the 10-inch class to over 40 percent in the larger diameters. On the other hand, the number of pine trees in pole sizes had increased substantially. Large gains were also made by hardwood species in all sizes up to 30 inches.

Shortleaf pine predominates.--Sawtimber volume in the Piedmont is about equally divided between softwoods and hardwoods. The leading species is shortleaf pine, which makes up more than half the softwood volume and over one-fourth the total volume (fig. 4). Loblolly and Virginia pine are also important.

Among the hardwoods, a large variety of oak species combine to make up a major share of the board-foot volume. The white oak-swamp chestnut oak group is the largest, and fortunately these species generally grow straighter, are less defective, and have more desirable wood properties than many of the other oaks. In the red oak group,

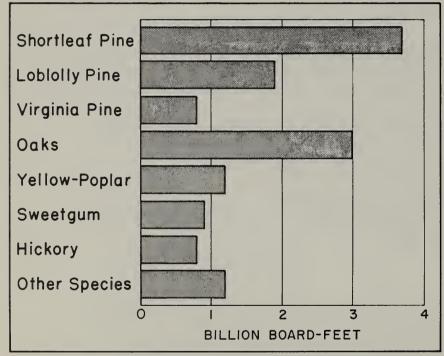


Figure 4.--Sawtimber volume by species.

three-fourths of the volume is composed of scarlet, black, southern red, and other less desirable species.

Among hardwood species other
than oaks, yellowpoplar is the most
abundant. This
valuable timber
tree accounts for
17 percent of the
hardwood volume.
Other principal
hardwood species
include sweetgum,
hickory, ash, and
maple.

The Piedmont contains 83 million cords of wood in trees of various sizes, species, and quality. Only a third of this volume is in trees which are large enough and of high enough quality to make saw logs (fig. 5). Forty-one percent is in poletimber trees which are expected to be of sawtimber quality when they become large enough. Growing stock, which includes the wood in both sawtimber and poletimber trees to a 4-inch top, totals 71 million cords, or 85 percent of all wood volume in the unit. Most of the remaining

12 million cords are in cull trees which will not now, or in the future, produce a minimum 12-foot log with at least 50 percent of its volume suitable for lumber.

Nearly all of
the cull volume is in
"sound" cull trees;
that is, in trees
which are not suitable
for saw logs because of
sound defects such as
crook and excessive
limbiness. Many of
these trees can be
used for such products
as pulpwood, fence

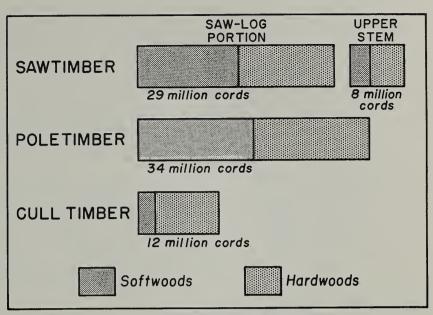


Figure 5.--Net cordwood volume of timber by species group and class of material.

posts, and other items where clear length and straightness are not limiting factors. The very large and limby sound culls and practically all of the rotten culls have very little use except for fuelwood. Included with the culls are the limbs on hardwood sawtimber; these make up 13 percent of the cull volume.

Much of the sawtimber volume in the Piedmont is in trees capable of producing only small saw logs. Nearly two-thirds of the softwood sawtimber volume is in trees which measure 10 or 12 inches in diameter at breast height. Hardwood sawtimber averages somewhat larger, partly because 10-inch trees are not considered large enough to produce saw logs. Twelve-inch trees contain one-fourth of the hardwood sawtimber volume and more than half of the total is in trees under 20 inches in size.

Growing stock volume is up 17 percent.--In contrast to an increase of only 6 percent for sawtimber, growing stock shows a gain of 17 percent since 1937 (table B). This greater increase in growing stock was due mainly to the substantial increase in poletimber during this period. In the yellow pine group, the increase in poletimber just about offset the 15-percent drop in sawtimber, leaving the growing stock volume about the same. Hardwood growing stock shows a substantial gain of 45 percent.

Table B.--Comparison of volume in all trees 5.0 inches d.b.h. and larger, 1937 to 1956

Species group and class of material	1937-	1956	Char	ıge
	Million cu. ft.	Million cu. ft.	Million cu. ft.	Percent
Growing stock:				
Yellow pines Other softwoods Hardwoods	2,488 32 1,786	2,417 36 2,596	-71 +4 +810	-3 +12 +45
All species	4,306	5,049	+743	+17
Cull trees:				
Yellow pines Other softwoods Hardwoods <u>2</u> /	112 1 421	165 6 562	+53 +5 +141	+47 +500 +33
All species	534	733	+199	+37
All live trees	4,840	5,782	+942	+19

^{1/} See footnote 1, table A.

The big increase in hardwood sawtimber coupled with the drop in yellow pine has increased the hardwood proportion from 40 percent in 1937 to 52 percent in 1956. The proportion of hardwood growing stock jumped from 41 percent to 51 percent.

Percentage-wise, the increase in cull-tree volume was more than twice as great as in growing stock. However, cull timber in the Piedmont makes up a relatively small part of the total volume, and this increase changed the proportion of cull volume only slightly-from 11 percent in 1937 to 13 percent in 1956.

Annual growth is 825 million board-feet of sawtimber, 4 million cords of growing stock.--Sawtimber growth in the Piedmont is 825 million feet a year. This represents a growth rate of about 6 percent on the sawtimber inventory volume. More than half this growth is on yellow pine trees.

^{2/} Excludes limb volume of hardwood sawtimber trees.

The average annual growth per acre of all stands in the Piedmont is 157 board-feet. The range is from 84 board-feet for Virginia pine stands to 254 board-feet for loblolly pine stands. While growth of sawtimber stands for all types averages 292 board-feet per acre, loblolly pine annual growth goes as high as 483 board-feet per acre.

Growing stock growth averages about 0.7 cord per acre per year for all stands and 1.0 cord per acre for sawtimber stands. In loblolly sawtimber stands the growth is 1.5 cords per acre.

Hardwood supply continues rapid increase.--Hardwood volume is increasing even faster now than during the 18-year period between surveys, especially growing stock. Hardwood sawtimber increased at an average annual rate of 2.2 percent between surveys, compared to the current rate of 2.5 percent. The annual rate of increase of hardwood growing stock between surveys was 2.5 percent; now it is 2.7 percent.

Yellow-poplar, sweetgum, and other soft hardwoods are increasing at a much faster rate than the hard hardwoods. However, hard hardwoods have much the larger inventory volume and they account for a greater share of the volume increase (fig. 6).

In contrast to the rapidly increasing hardwood supply, yellow pine sawtimber is decreasing at a slightly faster rate now than the average during the past 18 years. Current yellow pine sawtimber cut exceeds the growth by 65 million board-feet per year, or about 1 percent of the inventory volume. Yellow pine growing stock is still just barely holding its own--just as it has during the period between surveys.

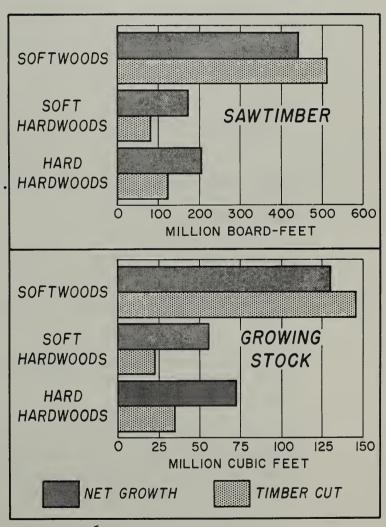


Figure 6.--Comparison of timber growth and timber cut in the Piedmont region of North Carolina.

Table 1.--Gross area by broad use class, 1956

Class of use	Area			
	Thousand acres	Percent		
Forest land:				
Commercial	5,821.1	54.7		
Noncommercial:				
Productive-reserved	15.9	0.2		
Unproductive	4.5	(<u>2</u> /)		
Total forest	5,841.5	54.9		
Nonforest land:				
Agriculture ,	4,194.0	39.4		
Urban and other $\frac{3}{}$	497.9	4.7		
Total nonforest	4,691.9	44.1		
Total land area	10,533.4	99.0		
Total water area 4/	105.3	1.0		
All classes	10,638.7	100.0		

^{1/} From U. S. Bureau of the Census, 1950.

^{2/} Less than 0.05 percent.

^{3/} Includes urban, suburban residential, and rural industrial areas, rights-of-way, cemeteries, schools, etc.

^{4/} Includes 48,600 acres of Census water reported in 1950 plus 14,000 acres of Census water created since 1950. Also includes 42,700 acres of water according to Survey standards but defined by the Bureau of the Census as land area.

Table 2.--Ownership of commercial forest land, 1956

Class of ownership	Comme:	rcial t land
	Thousand acres	<u>Percent</u>
Public land:		
National forest	55.1	0.9
Indian		
Other Federal	10.5	0.2
Total Federal	65.6	1.1
State	20.3	0.4
County and municipal	11.9	0.2
Total public	97.8	1.7
Private		
Farm	5,110.9	87.8
Other	612.4	10.5
Total private	5,723.3	98.3
All classes	5,821.1	100.0

Table 3.--Commercial forest area by forest type and stand-size class, 1956

(In thousand acres)

Forest type 1/	Large sawtimber stands	Small sawtimber stands	Pole- timber stands	Seedling & sapling stands	Poorly stocked stands & unstocked areas	All stands
Softwood types:						
Loblolly pine	76.7	207.0	318.6	75.3	4.7	682.3
Shortleaf pine	43.2	596.9	560.9	136.0	15.7	1,352.7
Virginia pine	3.7	144.5	248.2	166.2	27.0	589.6
White pine	4.3	2.3			4.3	10.9
Total	127.9	950.7	1,127.7	377.5	51.7	2,635.5
Hardwood types:						
Oak-pine	64.3	180.0	370.2	112.2	2.1	728.8
Oak-hickory	409.9	464.1	845.6	187.3	23.5	1,930.4
Oak-gum-cypress	147.3	123.1	166.7	50.2	39.1	526.4
Total	621.5	767.2	1,382.5	349.7	64.7	3,185.6
All types	749.4	1,717.9	2,510.2	727.2	116.4	5,821.1
Percent	12.9	29.5	43.1	12.5	2.0	100.0

 $[\]underline{1}/$ See description of forest types and stand-size classes under Definition of Terms.

Table 4.--Net volume of sawtimber by species and stand-size class, 1956

(In million board-feet)

					Gen.	
Species_2/	Large sawtimber stands	Small sawtimber stands	Pole- timber stands	Seedling & sapling stands	Poorly stocked stands & unstocked areas	All stands
Softwoods:						
Longleaf pine Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	29.3 700.8 389.7 68.3	3.8 1,024.3 2,886.5 592.6	5.8 200.3 373.5 123.7	5.2 32.5 3.5	0.5 1.8 0.7	38.9 1,931.1 3,684.0 788.8
Total	1,188.1	4,507.2	703.3	41.2	3.0	6,442.8
White pine Redcedar	12.7 5.9	4.5 18.7	1.0	- an as	4.7 0.3	22.9 39.0
Total sftwds.	1,206.7	4,530.4	718.4	41.2	8.0	6,504.7
Hardwoods:	TO BE LESS CONTROLLED SERVICE CONTROLLED AND AN APPRICATE CONTROLLED SERVICE			AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	N. S. B. B. C. Phillips and Philosophic Securious and an artificial science on missions and subsequence of the securious and securious a	
Blackgum Sweetgum Yellow-poplar Soft maple Other soft hdwds.	30.9 422.7 605.4 97.2 208.4	53.3 368.4 460.7 64.1 56.9	12.4 92.8 99.3 22.6 32.8	1.9 2.9 21.6 3.2 1.3	6.7 1.2 4.4	105.2 886.8 1,187.0 188.3 303.8
Total	1,364.6	1,003.4	259.9	30.9	12.3	2,671.1
White & swamp chestnut oaks Other white oaks No. red & swamp	65 7. 9 167.9	491.3 169.1	131.8	13.6	1.4	1,296.0
red oaks Other red oaks Hickory	162.0 347.6 370.9	90.2 434.2 281.3	69.8 134.7 165.8	7.9 16.0 10.5		329.9 932.5 828.5
Ash Beech Sugar maple	97.1 91.1 1.5	56.1 15.9 2.7	25.7 10.2 0.8			178.9 117.2 5.0
Black walnut Other hard hdwds.	2.1 88.5	11.3	2.3 15.5	1.6	dina (sp) qua dina	15.7 180.4
Total	1,986.6	1,626.9	619.7	50.9	1.4	4,285.5
Total hdwds.	3,351.2	2,630.3	879.6	81.8	13.7	6,956.6
All species	4,557.9	7,160.7	1,598.0	123.0	21.7	13,461.3
Percent	33.8	53.2	11.9	0.9	0.2	100.0

^{1/} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

^{2/} See Definition of Terms for species combined with others.

Table 5.--Net volume $\frac{1}{}$ of sawtimber by species and diameter class, 1956

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Species	10-12 inches <u>2</u> /	14-18 inches	20-24 inches	26+ inches	All di	ameters
	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Million bdft.	Percent
Softwoods:						
Longleaf pine Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	6.6 861.2 2,654.3 526.2	23.8 792.1 909.8 248.4	8.5 232.1 100.9 14.2	45.7 19.0	38.9 1,931.1 3,684.0 788.8	0.3 14.3 27.4 5.8
Total	4,048.3	1,974.1	355.7	64.7	6,442.8	47.8
White pine Redcedar	11.2 24.4	14.6	11.7	 	22.9 39.0	0.2 0.3
Total sftwds.	4,083.9	1,988.7	367.4	64.7	6,504.7	48.3
Hardwoods:						
Blackgum Sweetgum Yellow-poplar Soft maple Other soft hdwds.	49.5 211.7 284.9 59.8 33.4	55.7 486.6 590.4 85.6 136.4	155.8 279.0 35.1 97.7	32.7 32.7 7.8 36.3	105.2 886.8 1,187.0 188.3 303.8	0.8 6.6 8.8 1.4 2.3
Total	639.3	1,354.7	567.6	109.5	2,671.1	19.9
White & swamp chestnut oaks Other white oaks	299.4 133.0	667.6 199.1	268.5 63.8	60.5 5.5	1,296.0	9.6 3.0
No. red & swamp red oaks Other red oaks Hickory Ash Beech Sugar maple Black walnut Other hard hdwds.	79.9 268.4 235.4 63.0 12.8 3.3 6.6 43.3	172.6 481.4 439.0 85.7 53.7 1.7 9.1	49.1 136.9 124.8 24.4 32.9 33.3	28.3 45.8 29.3 5.8 17.8 8.8	329.9 932.5 828.5 178.9 117.2 5.0 15.7 180.4	2.5 6.9 6.2 1.3 0.9 (<u>3</u> /) 0.1 1.3
Total	1,145.1	2,204.9	733.7	201.8	4,285.5	31.8
Total hdwds.	1,784.4	3,559.6	1,301.3	311.3	6,956.6	51.7
All species	5,868.3	5,548.3	1,668.7	376.0	13,461.3	100.0
Percent	43.6	41.2	12.4	2.8	100.0	

^{1/} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

²/ Ten-inch hardwoods are not included since they are below sawtimber size.

^{3/} Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 6.--Net volume of sawtimber by forest type and stand-size class, 1956

(In million board-feet)

Forest type	Large sawtimber stands	Small sawtimber stands	Pole- timber stands	Seedling & sapling stands	Poorly stocked stands & unstocked areas	All stands
Softwood types:						
Loblolly pine	857.7	1,009.7	209.9	2.9		2,080.2
Shortleaf pine	355•3	2,987.3	292.6	11.0	1.8	3,648.0
Virginia pine	22.1	642.2	103.7	26.7	0.7	795.4
White pine	13.6	4.6			6.1	24.3
Total	1,248.7	4,643.8	606.2	40.6	8.6	6,547.9
Hardwood types:						
Oak-pine	382.9	584.8	240.7	29.2	2.0	1,239.6
Oak-hickory	2,112.5	1,421.9	631.6	46.6		4,212.6
Oak-gum-cypress	813.8	510.2	119.5	6.6	11.1	1,461.2
Total	3,309.2	2,516.9	991.8	82.4	13.1	6,913.4
All types	4,557.9	7,160.7	1,598.0	123.0	21.7	13,461.3
Percent	33.8	53.2	11.9	0.9	0.2	100.0

^{1/} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

Table 7.--Net volume of sawtimber by species group, log grade, and tree-size class, 1956

PINE								
Log grade	10 - 14	inches $\frac{1}{}$	16+ ir	nches	All t	All trees		
	Million bdft.	Percent	Million bdft.	Percent	Million bdft.	Percent		
Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4	450.9 3,495.5 1,119.5	8.9 69.0 22.1	44.1 274.0 721.5 337.3	3.2 19.9 52.4 24.5	44.1 724.9 4,217.0 1,456.8	0.7 11.2 65.5 22.6		
Total	5,065.9	100.0	1,376.9	100.0	6,442.8	100.0		
		OTH	ER SOFTWOOI	S				
Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4	0.7 33.8 12.7	1.5 71.5 27.0	5.7 5.4 3.6	39.1 36.5 24.4	6.4 39.2 16.3	(2/) 10.4 63.3 26.3		
Total	47.2	100.0	14.7	100.0	61.9	100.0		
		SC	FT HARDWOOI)S				
Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4	34.5 430.9 813.3	2.7 33.7 63.6	188.0 272.9 373.2 558.3	13.5 19.6 26.8 40.1	188.0 307.4 804.1 1,371.6	7.0 11.5 30.1 51.4		
Total	1,278.7	100.0	1,392.4	100.0	2,671.1	100.0		
		НА	RD HARDWOOI	S				
Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4	99.2 310.2 1,700.9	4.7 14.7 80.6	315.4 528.6 385.0 946.2	14.5 24.3 17.7 43.5	315.4 62 7. 8 695.2 2,647.1	7.4 14.6 16.2 61.8		
Total	2,11.0.3	100.0	2,175.2	100.0	4,285.5	100.0		

 $[\]underline{1}/$ Ten-inch hardwoods not included since they are below sawtimber size.

^{2/} Insufficient sample.

Table 8.--Net volume $\frac{1}{}$ of all timber by species and stand-size class, 1956 (In thousand cords)

GROWING STOCK

		GROWLING	STOCK			
Species	Large sawtimber stands	Small sawtimber stands	Pole- timber stands	Seedling & sapling stands	Poorly stocked stands & unstocked areas	All stands
Softwoods:						
Longleaf pine Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	65 1,675 1,109 248	12 4,083 13,743 2,734	16 2,395 5,810 2,146	66 228 11	2 6 8	93 8,221 20,896 5,147
Total	3,097	20,572	10,367	305	16	34,357
White pine Redcedar	23 69	14 153	3 199	 21	14 1	54 443
Total sftwds.	3,189	20,739	10,569	326	31	34,854
Hardwoods:						
Blackgum Sweetgum Yellow-poplar Soft maple Other soft hdwds.	299 1,358 1,897 437 620	260 1,856 1,971 678 310	309 1,101 770 419 322	6 66 102 20 15	34 4 13	908 4,381 4,740 1,558 1,280
Total.	4,611	5,075	2,921	209	51	12,867
White & swamp chestnut oaks Other white oaks No. red & swamp	2,154 588	2,440 1,148	1,754	91 9	<u>4</u>	6,443 2,756
red caks Other red caks Hickory Ash Beech	466 1,177 1,189 426 335	481 2,084 1,439 375 62	483 1,847 1,105 259 182	21 63 35 	 	1,451 5,171 3,768 1,060 579
Sugar maple Black walnut Dogwood, persimmon Other hard hdwds.	6 76 81 383	10 31 96 408	3 7 192 241	 11 30	 	19 114 380 1,062
Total	6,881	8,574	7,084	260	<u>1</u>	22,803
Total hdwds.	11,492	13,649	10,005	469	55	35,670
All species	14,681	34,388	20,574	795	86	70,524
Percent	20.8	48.8	29.2	1.1	0.1	100.0
		OTHER M	ATERIAL	•		
Sound culls:						
Softwoods Hardwoods2/	69 1,522	598 2,220	1,354	338 389	64 68	2,423 6,903
Rotten culls	173	3/1/1	518	77	4	1,116
Hardwood limbs	777	454	257	45	6	1,539
Total other material	2,541	3,616	4,833	849	142	11,981

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.
2/ Includes noncommercial species.

Table 9.--Net volume $\frac{1}{}$ of all timber by species and diameter class, 1956

(In thousand cords)

GROWING STOCK

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Species		Diameter class						
ppecies	6	8	10	12	14-18	20+	diameters	
	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches		
Softwoods:								
Longleaf pine			21		54	18	93	
Loblolly pine	1,462	1,789	1,452	1,122	1,850	546	8,221	
Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	4,758 1,339	5,847 1,524	4,491 960	3,281 696	2,268 599	251 29	20,896	
Total	7,559	9,160	6,924	5,099	4,771	844	34,357	
White pine			22	12		20	54	
Redcedar	255	99	34	25	30		443	
Total sftwds.	7,814	9,259	6,980	5,136	4,801	864	34,854	
Hardwoods:								
Blackgum	144	192	243	165	164		908	
Sweetgum	729	724	716	612	1,192	408	4,381	
Yellow-poplar	555	566	637	834	1,463 261	685	4,740	
Soft maple Other soft hdwds.	287	399 187	275 96	225 112	390	321	1,280	
Total	1,889	2,068	1,967	1,948	3,470	1,525	12,867	
White & swamp								
chestnut oaks	706	1,055	1,263	926	1,726	767	6,443	
Other white oaks	366	634	578	456	557	165	2,756	
No. red & swamp	122	298	186	238	440	167	1,451	
red oaks Other red oaks	691	818	1,094	855	1,282	431	5,171	
Hickory	328	609	636	723	1,132	340	3,768	
Ash	117	306	104	214	247	72	1,060	
Beech	67	73	123	49	144	123	579	
Sugar maple	6	24	40	13 19	6 25	w w	19	
Black walnut Dogwood, persimmon	1	35	40	17	11		380	
Other hard hdwds.	133	161	232	146	282	108	1,062	
Total	2,853	4,013	4,256	3,656	5,852	2,173	22,803	
Total hdwds.	4,742	6,081	6,223	5,604	9,322	3,698	35,670	
All species	12,556	15,340	13,203	10,740	14,123	4,562	70,524	
Percent	17.8	21.8	18.7	15.2	20.0	6.5	100.0	
		OTT	ER MATERIA	AL.				
Sound culls:								
Softwoods ,	691	575	585	315	244	13 768	2,423	
Hardwoods2/	1,630	575 1,447	1,185	588	1,285		6,903	
Rotten culls	223	164	120	123	230	256	1,116	
Hardwood limbs				184	661	694	1,539	
Total other material	2,544	2,186	1,890	1,210	2,420	1,731	11,981	

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

^{2/} Includes noncommercial species.

Table 10.--Net volume of all timber by species and class of material, 1956

(In thousand cords)

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		Growing	s stock	T	Other m	aterial
Character of	Sawtimber	trees	Pole-	Total	Sound	Rotten
Species	Saw-log	Upper	timber	sound	culls2/	culls
	portion	stems	trees	trees		
Softwoods:						
Longleaf pine	80	13		93	8	
Loblolly pine	4,136	834	3,251	8,221	172 546	
Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	8,642 1,768	1,649	2,863	20,896 5,147	1,624	7 14
_		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				21
Total	14,626	3,012	16,719	34,357	2,350	21
White pine	40	14	25)	54 443	1 70	
Redcedar	78		354		72	1
Total sftwds.	14,744	3,037	17,073	34,854	2,423	22
Hardwoods:						
Blackgum	237	92	579	908	345	169
Sweetgum	1,768	744	2,169	4,381	553	79
Yellow-poplar	2,373	609	1,758	4,740	343	92
Soft maple	392 619	205 204	961 457	1,558 1,280	1,217 567	188 29
Other soft hdwds.						
Total	5,389	1,554	5,924	12,867	3,025	557
White & swamp	0 500	820	3,024	6,443	772	86
chestnut oaks Other white oaks	2,599 822	356	1,578	2,756	773 1,022	149
No. red & swamp	022			-,,,,,		
red oaks	640	205	606	1,451	292	56
Other red oaks	1,894	674	2,603	5,171	761	179
Hickory	1,627	568	1,573	3,768	514	77
Ash Beech	385 229	148 87	52 7 263	1,060 5 7 9	31 7 2 3 9	16 32
Sugar maple		7	205	19	22	J <u>_</u>
Black walnut	12 3 ⁴	10	70	114	41	1
Dogwood, persimmon	17	11	352	380	226	50
Scrub oak3/					7474	31
Other hard hdwds.	351	185	526	1,062	582	7171
Total	8,610	3,071	11,122	22,803	5,233	721
Total hdwds.	13,999	4,625	17,046	35,670	8,258	1,278
All species	28,743	7,662	34,119	70,524	10,681	1,300
Percent	40.7	10.9	48.4	100.0	89.1	10.9

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

^{2/} Includes limb volume of hardwood sawtimber trees.

^{3/} Includes noncommercial species.

Table ll.--Net volume $\frac{1}{}$ of all timber by forest type and stand-size class, 1956

(In thousand cords)

GROWING STOCK

		GROWING	STOCK			
Forest type	Large sawtimber stands	Small sawtimber stands	Pole- timber stands	Seedling & sapling stands	Poorly stocked stands & unstocked areas	All stands
Softwood types:						
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine White pine	2,184 1,132 68 59	4,467 14,861 2,924 19	2,788 5,015 2,145	66 89 184 	6 8 18	9,505 21,103 5,329 96
Total	3,443	22,271	9,948	339	32	36,033
Hardwood types:						
Oak-pine Oak-hickory Oak-gum-cypress	1,197 7,301 2,740	2,724 7,059 2,334	2,750 6,670 1,206	160 221 75	6 48	6,837 21,251 6,403
Total	11,238	12,117	10,626	456	54	34,491
All types	14,681	34,388	20,574	795	86	70,524
Percent	20.8	48.8	29.2	1.1	0.1	100.0
		OTHER M	ATERIAL			
Softwood types:						
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine White pine	147 106 15 4	246 706 448 	299 712 759	2 119 296 	12 48	694 1,655 1,566 4
Total	272	1,400	1,770	417	60	3,919
Hardwood types:						
Oak-pine Oak-hickory Oak-gum-cypress	259 1,303 707	398 1,374 444	769 1,770 524	148 184 100	9 15 58	1,583 4,646 1,833
Total	2,269	2,216	3,063	432	82	8,062
All types	2,541	3,616	4,833	849	142	11,981
Percent	21.2	30.2	40.3	7.1	1.2	100.0

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

Table 12.--Net volume of all timber by species and diameter class, 1956

(In million cubic feet)

GROWING STOCK							
	Diameter class						
Species	6 inches	8 inches	10 inches	12 inches	14-18 inches	20+ inches	All diameters
Softwoods:							
Longleaf pine Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine	85.4 278.3 78.5	119.5 392.4 102.6	1.5 110.3 341.6 70.8	85.0 247.4 51.7	4.4 148.8 179.0 48.0	1.5 46.6 21.4 2.5	7.4 595.6 1,460.1 354.1
Total	442.2	614.5	524.2	384.1	380.2	72.0	2,417.2
White pine Redcedar	16.2	7.5	1.6 2.9	1.0	2.8	1.9	4.5 31.6
Total sftwds.	458.4	622.0	528.7	387.3	383.0	73.9	2,453.3
Hardwoods:						Manage Ma	
Blackgum Sweetgum Yellow-poplar Soft maple Other soft hdwds.	8.2 41.2 31.6 16.6 10.0	12.7 47.7 37.4 26.3 12.3	17.5 51.6 53.1 20.0 6.9	12.6 46.5 62.5 16.9 8.5	13.0 95.7 116.6 20.6 30.9	33.7 56.1 9.2 26.5	64.0 316.4 357.3 109.6 95.1
Total	107.6	136.4	149.1	147.0	276.8	125.5	942.4
White & swamp chestnut oaks Other white oaks	40.2 21.1	69.6 41.7	90.5 41.8	70.2 33.9	137.2 44.8	63.1 13.6	470.8 196.9
No. red & swamp red oaks Other red oaks Hickory Ash Beech Sugar maple Black walnut Dogwood, persimmon	6.9 39.9 18.5 6.8 3.9 0.3 18.3	19.6 54.2 40.3 20.1 4.8	13.4 78.3 45.8 7.5 8.2	18.4 64.2 54.3 16.0 3.6 0.9	35.1 101.5 90.1 19.5 11.7 0.5	13.9 35.3 27.9 6.0 10.1	107.3 373.4 276.9 75.9 42.9 1.4 8.3
Other hard hdwds.	7.7	2.3	16.7	1.3	0.9	9.0	22.8
Total	163.6	264.7	305.7	275.4	465.6	178.9	1,653.9
Total hdwds.	271.2	401.1	454.8	422.4	742.4	304.4	2,596.3
All species	729.6	1,023.1	983.5	809.7	1,125.4	378.3	5,049.6
Percent	14.4	20.3	19.5	16.0	22.3	7.5	100.0
	Потоб тот прочения меня у на проводите не полит	OTHER	MATERIAL	1			
Sound culls:			makinin skiriff area from Allen				
Softwoods Hardwoods	41.0 92.2	38.9 95.3	44.1 .85.4	24.5 44.3	19.3 102.6	1.1 63.4	168.9 483.2
Rotten culls	12.7	10.9	8.5	8.4	19.3	21.0	80.8
Hardwood limbs				15.9	50.3	58.1	124.3
Total other material	145.9	145.1	138.0	93.1	191.5	143.6	857.2

^{1/} Excluding bark.

(In million cubic feet)

		Growing	stock	· /	Other ma	terial
Species	Sawtimber	1	Pole-	Total	Sound .	Rotten
	Saw-log portion	Upper stems	timber trees	sound trees	culls <u>2</u> /	culls
Softwoods:						
Longleaf pine	6.2	1.2		7.4	0.7	
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine	320.6 647.2	70.1	204.9	595.6	12.3 38.9	0.6
Virginia pine	134.0	39.0	181.1	354.1	111.4	0.9
Total	1,108.0	252.5	1,056.7	2,417.2	163.3	1.5
White pine	3.6	0.9		4.5	0.1	
Redcedar	6.8	1.1	23.7	31.6	5.5	0.1
Total sftwds.	1,118.4	254.5	1,080.4	2,453.3	168.9	1.6
Hardwoods:						
Blackgum	18.8	6.8	38.4	64.0	22.6	11.9
Sweetgum	141.7	34.2	140.5	316.4	40.8	5.8
Yellow-poplar Soft maple	189.3	45.9	122.1	357.3	25.7	7.1
Other soft hdwds.	49.9	15.1	29.2	109.6	85.9 41.0	14.0
Total	431.3	118.0	393.1	942.4	216.0	41.0
White & swamp						
chestnut oaks	206.8	63.7	200.3	470.8	57.4	6.9
Other white oaks	64.6	27.7	104.6	196.9	75.8	11.6
No. red & swamp red oaks	51.1	16.3	39.9	107.3	21.0	4.7
Other red oaks	149.5	51.5	172.4	373.4	57.5	13.6
Hickory	129.5	42.8	104.6	276.9	37.9	5.8
Ash	30.2	11.3	34.4	75.9	22.7	1.2
Beech	18.5	6.9	17.5	42.9	16.7	2.4
Sugar maple Black walnut	0.9	0.5	4.8	1.4	1.4 3.4	0.1
Dogwood, persimmon	1.4	0.8	20.6	22.8	13.4	2.9
Scrub oak3/					28.8	2.0
Other hard hdwds.	28.9	13.5	34.9	77.3	39.2	3.3
Total	684.0	235.9	734.0	1,653.9	375.2	54.5
Total hdwds.	1,115.3	353.9	1,127.1	2,596.3	591.2	95.5
All species	2,233.7	608.4	2,207.5	5,049.6	760.1	97.1
Percent	44.2	12.1	43.7	100.0	88.7	11.3

^{1/} Excluding bark.

^{2/} Includes limb volume of hardwood sawtimber trees.

^{3/} Includes noncommercial species.

Table 14.--Average volume per acre of sawtimber by forest type, species group, and stand-size class, 1956

(In board-feet)

	/ ===	Dodia-icco)	1//		
Forest type	Large	Small	Pole-	Other	All
and	sawtimber	sawtimber	timber	stand	
species group	stands	stands	stands	sizes	
Loblolly pine					
Softwood	8,858	4,313	574		2,572
Hardwood	2,322	565	85	36	477
Shortleaf pine					
Softwood	6,440	4,502	461	80	2,393
Hardwood	1,782	502	61	5	304
Virginia pine					
Softwood	4,790	4,023	361	78	1,193
Hardwood	1,280	422	57	63	156
Oak-pine					
Softwood	1,966	1,352	298	122	678
Hardwood	3,986	1,896	353	151	1,023
Oak-hickory					
Softwood	198	191	83	13	126
Hardwood	4,956	2,873	664	208	2,056
Oak-gum-cypress					
Softwood	81	266	41	5	99
Hardwood	5,444	3,880	676	193	2 , 6 7 7
All types					
Softwood	1,610	2,637	286	58	1,117
Hardwood	4,472	1,531	350	113	

^{1/} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

Table 15.--Average volume per acre of all trees by forest type, species group, and stand-size class, 1956

(In standard cords)

Forest type and species group	Larg sawtin stan	nber	Smal sawtin star	ber	Pol timb star	er	Oth star size	nd	Al] star	
	Sound2/	Cull3/	Sound	Cull	Sound	Cull	Sound	Cull	Sound	Cull
Loblolly pine										
Softwood Hardwood	20.5 8.0	0.2	17.8 3.8	0.2	7.3 1.4	0.4	0.5	(4/)	11.2	0.3
Shortleaf pine										
Softwood Hardwood	17.1 9.1	0.3	21.6	0.4	7.7	0.8	0.6 (<u>4</u> /)	0.5	13.3	0.6
Virginia pine										
Softwood Hardwood	10.4 8.2	4.1	18.3	1.9	7.4	2.8	0.4	1.3	7.8	2.1
Oak-pine										
Softwood Hardwood	6.2 12.4	0.5 3.5	5.3 9.9	0.1 2.1	3.4 4.0	0.2	0.7	0.5	3.7 5.7	0.2
Oak-hickory										
Softwood Hardwood	0.8 17.0	$(\frac{4}{3}.1)$	1.0	(<u>4</u> /) 2.9	0.9 7.0	(4/) 2.0	0.3	0.1	0.9	$\frac{(4/)}{2.4}$
Oak-gum-cypress										
Softwood Hardwood	0.3 18.3	4.8	0.7	3.6	0.2 7.0	0.1	(<u>4/)</u> 1.4	1.8	0.3	$(\frac{4}{3}, 5)$
All types			-							
Softwood Hardwood	4.3 15.3	0.1 3.3	12.1 7.9	0.4	4.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	6.0 6.1	0.4

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

^{2/} Sound trees.

^{3/} Cull trees.

^{4/} Less than 0.05 cord per acre.

Table 16.--Number of trees by species group, quality class, and tree size, 1956

(In thousand trees)

	`	r			
Species group and quality class	Sapling- size trees	Pole- size trees	Small sawtimber trees	Large sawtimber trees	All trees
Yellow pines:					
Sound trees Sound culls Rotten culls	719,902 (2/) (<u>2</u> /)	268,215 28,865 143	75 , 180 7,665 88	4,921 349 45	1,068,218 36,879 276
Total	719,902	297,223	82,933	5,315	1,105,373
Other softwoods:					
Sound trees Sound culls Rotten culls	81,806 (2/) (<u>2</u> /)	8,800 895 	920 326 11	38 	91,564 1,221 11
Total	81,806	9,695	1,257	38	92,796
Soft hardwoods:					
Sound trees Sound culls Rotten culls	373,096 (2/) (<u>2</u> /)	83,861 29,071 5,119	14,062 2,590 793	5,246 1,281 613	476,265 32,942 6,525
Total	373,096	118,051	17,445	7,140	515,732
Hard hardwoods:					
Sound trees Sound culls Rotten culls	623,658 (2/) (<u>2</u> /)	158,206 54,710 5,996	2 7, 031 3 , 545 1,580	9 ,7 08 1 , 877 1 , 225	818,603 60,132 8,801
Total	623,658	218,912	32,156	12,810	887,536
All species	1,798,462	643,881	133,791	25,303	2,601,437

^{1/} All trees 1.0 inch d.b.h. and larger.

^{2/} Data not collected.

Table 17.--Area of seedling, sapling, and poorly stocked stands by plantability class, 1956

(In thousand acres)

Forest type	No planting required	Suitable for machine planting	Hand planting required	All classes
Loblolly pine	80.0			80.0
Shortleaf pine	144.5		7.2	151.7
Virginia pine	184.8	2.7	5.7	193.2
White pine	4.3			4.3
Oak-pine	114.3			114.3
Oak-hickory	189.1		12.5	201.6
All types	717.0	2.7	25.4	7 45 . 1
Percent	96.2	0.4	3.4	100.0

^{1/} Excludes 9,200 acres on which planting would be impractical because of existing dense cover of brush.

Table 18.--Stocking on commercial forest area by forest type and tree-size class, 1956

(In thousand acres)

GROWING STOCK OF ALL SIZES

Forest type	Non- stocked 0-9%	Poor stocking 10-39%	Medium stocking 40-69%	Good stocking 70-100%	Total area		
Loblolly pine	4.7	61.0	114.1	502.5	682.3		
Shortleaf pine	15.6	76.3	204.6	1,056.2	1,352.7		
Virginia pine	29.6	106.6	129.3	324.1	589.6		
White pine	4.3			6.6	10.9		
Oak-pine	2.2	88.9	245.6	392.1	728.8		
Oak-hickory	34.6	282.7	698.8	914.3	1,930.4		
Oak-gum-cypress	34.4	132.6	165.3	194.1	526.4		
All types	125.4	748.1	1,557.7	3,389.9	5,821.1		
Percent	2.2	12.8	26.8	58.2	100.0		
	SAWI	TIMBER GROW	ING STOCK				
Loblolly pine	277.8	224.7	110.7	69.1	682.3		
Shortleaf pine	547.7	413.7	235.6	155.7	1,352.7		
Virginia pine	391.6	126.7	42.1	29.2	589.6		
White pine	4.3	6.6			10.9		
Oak-pine	339.4	309.1	72.4	7.9	7 28.8		
Oak-hickory	709.9	901.2	287 .7	31.6	1,930.4		
Oak-gum-cypress	186.0	219.1	85.3	36.0	526.4		
All types	2,456.7	2,201.1	833.8	329.5	5,821.1		
Percent	42.2	37.8	14.3	5.7	100.0		

Table 19.--Net annual growth by species group and unit of measure, 1956

Species group	Sawtimber	Growing stock		
	Million bdft.	Million cu. ft.	Thousand cords	
So. yellow pines	443.8	130.3	2,033	
Other softwoods	2.0	1.3	21	
Soft hardwoods	173.5	55•5	832	
Hard hardwoods	206.0	73.2	1,106	
All species	825.3	260.3	3,992	

Table 20.--Net annual growth percentages for each species group and unit of measure, 1956

Unit of measure	Southern yellow pines	Other softwoods	Soft hardwoods	Hard hardwoods	All species
Board-feet	6.89	3.20	6.50	4.81	6.13
Cubic feet	5.39	3.65	5.90	4.42	5.15
Standard cords	5.92	4.23	6.47	4.85	5.66

Table 21.--Average growth per acre by forest type and stand-size class, 1956

SAWTIMBER (In	board-feet)	
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	SAWTIMBER (In board-fee	t)				
		Stand-size class					
Forest type	Sawtimber Poletimber Other stands			stands			
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine Oak-pine Oak-hickory Oak-gum-cypress	483 345 265 239 220 264	113 84 36 67 72 47	2 14 6 13 12 12	254 200 84 116 132 152			
All types	292	74	11	157			
GROWING STOCK (In standard cords)							
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine Oak-pine Oak-hickory Oak-gum-cypress	1.5 1.2 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.9	1.1 0.9 0.7 0.5 0.5	0.2 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1	1.2 1.0 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.7			
All types	1.0	0.7	0.1	0.7			
	GROWING STOCK	(In cubic f	eet)				
Loblolly pine Shortleaf pine Virginia pine Oak-pine Oak-hickory Oak-gum-cypress	114.4 88.7 59.4 59.7 56.2 71.7	70.2 59.3 42.8 35.8 35.9	11.5 6.0 5.9 6.5 6.8 8.2	81.7 67.2 34.8 39.2 41.9 50.8			
All types	73.7	46.4	7.1	52.3			

Table 22.-- Average annual drain by tree-size class and species group

SAWTIMBER (In million board-feet)							
Tree-size class	Softwoods		Soft	Hard	All		
	Pine	Other	hardwoods	hardwoods	species		
Small sawtimber	397.2	2.1	32.4	48.2	479.9		
Large sawtimber	112.0	1.9	48.2	76.3	238.4		
All trees	509.2	4.0	80.6	124.5	718.3		
GROWING STOCK (In thousand cords)							
Pole trees	603	12	96	128	839		
Small sawtimber	1,139	5	96	143	1,383		
Large sawtimber	255	4	115	187	561		
All trees	1,997	21	307	458	2,783		
GROWING STOCK (In million cubic feet)							
Pole trees	38.3	0.9	6.3	8.6	54.1		
Small sawtimber	85.2	0.5	7.4	10.9	104.0		
Large sawtimber	20.9	0.3	9.4	15.3	45.9		
All trees	144.4	1.7	23.1	34.8	204.0		

Table 23.--Net annual change in volume by species group, 1956

SAWTIMBER (In million board-feet)

SAWTIMBER (In million board-leet)							
Item		Southern yellow pines	Other softwoods	Soft hardwoods	Hard hardwoods	All species	
Net volume, Jan.	1, 1956	6,442.8	61.9	2,671.1	4,285.5	13,461.3	
Total growth Mortality		497.2 53.4	2.5 0.5	186.1 12.6	247.1 41.1	932.9 107.6	
Net growth Timber cut		443.8 509.2	2.0 4.0	173.5 80.6	206.0 124.5	825.3 718.3	
Loss or gain		- 65.4	- 2.0	+92.9	+81.5	+107.0	
Net volume, Dec.	31, 1956	6,377.4	59.9	2,764.0	4,367.0	13,568.3	
Percent change		-1.0	-3.2	+3.5	+1.9	+0.8	
GROWING STOCK (In thousand cords)							
Net volume, Jan.	1, 1956	34,357	497	12,867	22,803	70,524	
Total growth Mortality		2,257 224	24 3	906 74	1,248 142	4,435 443	
Net growth Timber cut		2,033 1,997	21 21	832 307	1,106 458	3,992 2,783	
Loss or gain		+36	0	+525	+648	+1,209	
Net volume, Dec.	31, 1956	34,393	497	13,392	23,451	71,733	
Percent change		+0.1	0.0	+4.1	+2.8	+1.7	
GROWING STOCK (In million cubic feet)							
Net volume, Jan.	1, 1956	2,417.2	36.1	942.4	1,653.9	5,049.6	
Total growth Mortality		146.6 16.3	1.5	60.9 5.4	83.8 10.6	292.8 32.5	
Net growth Timber cut		130.3 144.4	1.3	55.5 23.1	73.2 34.8	260.3 204.0	
Loss or gain		-14.1	-0.4	+32.4	+38.4	+56.3	
Net volume, Dec.	31, 1956	2,403.1	35.7	974.8	1,692.3	5,105.9	
Percent change		-0.6	-1.1	+3.4	+2.3	+1.1	

Table 24.--County area by broad use class, 1956

		Nonfore	st area	Forest land				
County	Total areal/	Land	Water	Non- commercial	Comme	cial		
	Thousand acres	Thousand	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Percent		
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin	277.8 165.7 343.0 230.4 278.4 263.7 298.4 263.7 298.4 169.0 271.4 316.1 317.3 317.3 319.4 219.0 21	143.9 74.9 133.3 141.2 107.0 158.9 96.8 182.8 177.3 92.1 73.5 135.1 127.9 121.0 127.7 237.2 199.5 108.6 181.6 59.9 97.9 103.7 38.4 175.5 169.8 177.6 145.9 107.5 129.9 240.0 79.5 100.1	1.8 3.4 3.2 0.7 5.4 1.9 10.9 10.9 10.9 10.9 10.9 10.8 10.6 10.8 10.7 10.8 10.9	(2/) (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) - (2/) -	132.1 87.4 206.5 89.0 170.7 99.4 354.5 170.6 76.0 117.7 133.8 187.5 218.2 177.9 88.1 156.6 151.7 111.3 336.1 195.5 105.1 181.9 212.3 186.6 306.9 199.4 113.2	47.9 53.8 50.2 61.5		
Unit total	10,638.7	4,691.9	105.3	20.4	5,821.1	55•3		

^{1/} Gross area from Bureau of the Census, 1950.

^{2/} Less than 50 acres.

Table 25.--Ownership of commercial forest land by county, 1956

			Public					
County	Private		National forest	Other Federal	State	County, city, town	Total p	public
	Thousand acres	Percent	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Thousand acres	Percent
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin	132.0 87.4 206.3 88.6 158.3 99.8 114.5 169.4 76.0 112.7 133.6 187.4 177.7 154.4 177.7 151.4 195.4 195.4 105.1 181.9 211.7 185.8 304.8 198.6 113.1	99.7 99.9 92.8 99.6 99.9	12.3 1.0 33.7 8.1	1.2		0.1/).1.4.1.2.1./).2./).4.2./).6./).3.9.6.1.2.1.1.6.2.2.4.1./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6./).1.4.2./).6.//).1.4.2./).6.//).1.4.2.//).6.///////////////////////////////	0.1/)2.4 12.4 12.4 12.4 12.4 12.4 12.4 12.4 1	0.1 0.4 7.3 0.5 0.7 4.2 0.1 0.12 0.1 0.12 0.1 1.04 1.12 0.6 0.1 0.12 0.1 0.12 0.1 0.14 1.12 0.16 0.1 0.16 0.1 0.17 0.12 0.17 0.17 0.17 0.18 0.19 0.1
Unit total	5,723.3	98.3	55.1	10.5	20.3	11.9	97.8	1.1

^{1/} Less than 50 acres, or 0.05 percent.

Table 26.--Net volume of sawtimber by county and species group, 1956

(In million board-feet)

County	Softwoods2/	Yellow-poplar and sweetgum3/	Oaks and other hard hardwoods	All species
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin	156.7 81.1 348.4 96.4 228.5 111.1 470.9 201.8 175.6 50.0 115.3 83.3 386.2 127.6 394.9 206.6 142.1 65.9 250.0 271.5 81.2 235.1 109.7 127.4 121.7 134.2 188.8 135.9 118.7 548.4 104.2 151.6	79.1 16.1 118.3 38.1 88.7 25.0 221.6 103.8 114.7 36.1 115.6 65.8 127.7 43.0 186.0 129.0 62.5 13.6 59.3 36.7 81.6 59.9 16.7 56.3 64.0 111.1 26.2 17.9 51.5 41.1 44.9 36.1 106.1 10.9	104.3 76.6 46.0 121.3 181.6 88.3 255.4 204.3 56.9 143.3 58.2 225.0 37.3 122.0 153.2 204.5 51.9 145.6 177.3 155.8 87.3 47.6 249.0 83.9 161.0 156.5 100.8 128.7 61.0 30.1 203.2 167.9 86.9	340.1 173.8 512.7 255.8 498.8 224.4 931.0 143.0 374.2 207.3 738.9 207.9 702.9 488.8 454.9 471.8 437.4 418.7 145.5 540.4 174.0 381.8 314.4 314.4 314.8 314.8 314.8 314.8 314.8 314.8 314.8 314.9 314.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8 316.8
Unit total	6,504.7	2,671.1	4,285.5	13,461.3

^{1/2} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

^{2/} Includes white pine and redcedar.

^{3/} Includes other soft hardwoods.

Table 27.--Net volume of sawtimber by county, broad species group, and diameter-class group, 1956

(In million board-feet)

	Softwoods Hardwoods					
County	9.0-14.9 inches	15.0-18.9 inches	19.0+ inches	11.0-14.9 inches	15.0-18.9 inches	19.0+ inches
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin Unit total	150.0 78.8 212.1 86.3 101.6 378.4 176.8 47.6 63.6 177.9 16.5 185.9 185.9 176.5 207.9 176.5 207.9 176.5 207.9 176.9	6.73.19.25.0.26.63.32.93.80.58.55.01.15.86.82.7.39.03.19.27.88.55.01.15.86.82.7.39.03.19.10.19.1	71.2 71.2 58.5.2.2 26.4 60.4 60.4 60.4 71.2 71	71.4 42.3 85.7 67.2 260.8 161.2 260.8 161.2 260.8 161.2 161.2 161.3 161.5	66.1 36.4 36.4 36.4 36.4 36.2 37.4 30.5 30.5 30.5 30.5 30.7 40.7	45.9 13.5.26 13.5.9.7.6 127.6.9 127.6.9 127.6.9 127.6.9 129.6.2 129.5.9 129.6.2 13.6.9 129.6.2 14.6.2 15.5.9 129.6.2 14.6.2 15.6.2 16.2 1
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^{1/} Log scale, International 1/4-inch rule.

Table 28.--Net volume of all timber by county, pulping species group, and tree-diameter group, 1956

(In thousand cords)

GROWING STOCK

				TIONTING C	710011				
	Yellow	pines	Other so	ftwoods	Soft ha	rdwoods	Hard ha	rdwoods	All
County	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	species
	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	
Alamance	826	51	. 73	3	223	140	302	200	1,818
Alexander	600	37	14		50	32	175	150	1,058
Anson	1,284	404	11	4	198	233	238	81	2,453
Cabarrus	428	98	25	2	114	76	335	245	1,323
Caswell	971	159	7		437	161	357	403	2,495
Catawba	524	68			29	50	294	163	1,128
Chatham	1,790	379	34		705	409	1,008	429	4,754
Cleveland	870	165			183	212	175	57	1,662
Davidson	1,004	93	18		325	214	491	353	2,498
Davie	336	21	18	2	151	53	178	109	868
Durham	619	137	 14	3	259	240	229	294	1,781
Forsyth	417	78	8		267 326	107	298	121	1,302
Franklin	958 624	559 67	2		168	257 87	431 196	455 63	2,994
Gaston Granville	1,336	430	7		506	344	539	209	3,371
Guilford	778	191	14		326	226	507	260	2,302
Iredell	451	119	27	4	251	122	340	403	1,717
Lincoln	446	50	1		138	29	200	96	960
Mecklenburg	1,048	221	15		120	104	278	296	2,082
Montgomery	1,457	186	2		199	75	1,120	270	3,309
Orange	1,071	145			249	143	481	332	2,421
Person	1,259	118	12		328	1.01	224	157	2,199
Polk	388	63	3		36	30	244	76	840
Randolph	1,021	153	81		325	78	1,483	315	3,456
Rockingham	227	11	3		165	100	252	170	928
Rowan	626	73	28	12	239	203	385	323	1,889
Rutherford	1,051	67			117	69	759	272	2,335
Stanly	628	109			107	35	391	179	1,449
Stokes	505	139			264	98	609	256	1,871
Surry	851	195	17	20	101	62 86	304	161 126	1,711
Union	896	32	8		132 110	7 8	116	57	1,649 1,024
Vance	552	111 692			487	527	623	21 419	4,251
Wake	1,503 685	76			156	202	469	364	1,952
Warren Yadkin	712	118	5		81	12	378	161	1,467
IAUAIII	112	110			0.1		1 310		
Unit total	28,742	5,615	447	50	7,872	4,995	14,778	8,025	70,524

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

Table 28.--Net volume of all timber by county, pulping species group, and treediameter group, 1956 (cont.)

(In thousand cords)

OTHER MATERIAL

		UTHEN MATERIAL							
	Yellow	pines	Other so	ftwoods	Soft has	rdwoods	Hard ha	rdwoods	All
County	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	5 - 12	13+	species
	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	-
Alamance	19	5			44	30	30	30	158
Alexander	42	17			12	10	65	24	170
Anson	32		11		51	34	86	68	282
Cabarrus	1	10	3	2	23	48	84	43	214
Caswell	35	10			58	70	81	100	354
Catawba	60				16	1	47	21	145
Chatham	18	27			158	115	221	240	779
Cleveland	22	3			57	43	75	51	251
Davidson	13				39	42	70	71	235
Davie	9				29	14	16	14	82
Durham	91	4			43	66	52	86	342
Forsyth	96		4		23	37	35	62	257
Franklin	20				108	42	98	76	344
Gaston	74	10			36	6	64	24	214
Granville	24	4			48	57	97	58	288
Guilford	8	12			64	16	48	70	218
Iredell	104	10			79	11	202	82	488
Lincoln	22	7			16	47	60	42	194
Mecklenburg	20	16	19		77	62	68	87	349
Montgomery	23	8	~-		115	36	132	112	426
Orange	4	4	2		63	31	46	40	190
Person	51		9		82	40	25	33	240
Polk	142	21	1		45	5	134	119	467
Randolph	64	7			182	37	327	130	7 47
Rockingham	489	14			123	73	112	46	857
Rowan	22	12	5		60	14	71	45	229
Rutherford	5 0	3			90	24	142	211	520
Stanly	68		2		48	2	88	47	2 55
Stokes	34	18			51	22	149	65	33 9
Surry	244	28			18	33	348	76	747
Union			13		47	7 2	131	114	3 7 7
Vance	25	5	ı		45	72	3 8	22	208
Wake	59	5	2		59	65	133	63	386
Warren	14				73	144	60	7171	335
Yadkin	109	3			73	6	60	43	294
Unit total	2,108	263	7 2	2	2,155	1,427	3,495	2,459	11,981

^{1/} Sound wood and bark.

Table 29.--Average annual sawtimber drain by county and species group (In million board-feet)

County	Yellow pine	Other softwoods	Soft hardwoods	Hard hardwoods	All species
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin	1.6 9.8 14.5 6.3 16.8 19.0 9.2 1.4 8.0 12.1 12.5 33.1 12.3 20.8 7.3 17.2 6.0 15.6 3.5 9.2 12.9 36.9 16.9 2.7 10.8 1.3 7.2 8.5 11.0 11.7 80.6 44.3 9.2	0.2	2.3 1.2 5.9 1.3 0.2 2.5 7.0 1.1 6.3 2.5 2.5 2.4 3.3 2.0 0.6 2.9 1.1 1.5 0.3 12.2 0.9	8.2 1.6 11.2 1.8 0.7 3.6 1.0 1.5 6.0 0.5 9.0 15.4 10.0 1.9 7.3 0.8 1.4 5.8 1.9 2.9 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 11.9 5.0	12.1 12.6 31.6 9.7 20.7 19.2 10.4 16.1 25.7 34.4 16.1 25.7 15.3 15.3 12.9 14.6 19.8 13.7 15.9 12.9 14.9 15.9 16.1 17.9 18.1 18.1 18.1 18.1 18.1 18.1 18.1 18
Unit total	509.2	4.0	80.6	124.5	718.3

^{1/} Estimates of timber drain by county are less accurate than inventory volumes, and use of individual county statistics should be avoided. For general use, data for a minimum of 10 counties should be combined.

Table 30.--Average annual drain on growing stock by county and species group 1/

(In thousand cords)

County	Yellow pine	Other softwoods	Soft hardwoods	Hard hardwoods	All species
Alamance Alexander Anson Cabarrus Caswell Catawba Chatham Cleveland Davidson Davie Durham Forsyth Franklin Gaston Granville Guilford Iredell Lincoln Mecklenburg Montgomery Orange Person Polk Randolph Rockingham Rowan Rutherford Stanly Stokes Surry Union Vance Wake Warren Yadkin Unit total	5 77 80 21 18 68 76 28 51 51 40 124 56 36 78 33 46 86 24 54 46 120 64 85 9 32 36 43 37 272 158 33	2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 6 1 1 6 21 21	7 14 6 6 6 2 13 21 11 5 32 7 8 1 6 5 32 6 5 32 1 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31	21 4 31 7 9 19 10 30 10 6 31 38 36 5 24 5 10 32 13 10 9 4 4 32 16 458	35 85 125 35 37 38 39 47 31 40 47 119 36 40 47 119 36 40 419 419 419 419 419 419 419 419 419 419
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^{1/} Estimates of timber drain by county are less accurate than inventory volumes, and use of individual county statistics should be avoided. For general use, data for a minimum of 10 counties should be combined.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Land-Use Classes

Forest land: Includes (a) lands which are at least 10 percent stocked with trees of any size and capable of producing sawtimber or other wood products, and (b) lands from which the trees described in (a) have been removed to less than 10-percent stocking but which have not been developed for other use; subdivided into the following classes:

Commercial: Forest land which is (a) producing, or physically capable of producing, usable crops of wood (usually sawtimber), (b) economically available now or in the future, and (c) not withdrawn from timber use.

Noncommercial: Forest land (a) withdrawn from timber utilization through statute, ordinance, or administrative order but which otherwise qualifies as commercial forest land, or (b) incapable of yielding usable wood products (usually sawtimber) because of adverse site conditions, or so physically inaccessible as to be unavailable economically in the foreseeable future.

Nonforest land: Includes land under cultivation or in pasture where the timber has been cleared to less than 10 percent stocking, idle or abandoned agricultural land, marsh land, and land in urban, residential, or industrial areas, school yards, cemeteries, roads, railroads, and other rights-of-way.

Water: Includes lakes, bays, and estuaries over 40 acres in size, and streams, canals, and sloughs at least one-eighth of a mile in width which are classed as "inland water" by the Bureau of the Census. Smaller lakes and ponds between one acre and 40 acres in size, and waterways between 120 feet and 660 feet in width, which are classed as land area by the Bureau of the Census, are also included as water areas.

Forest Types

Forest type is determined on the basis of cubic volume for all stand sizes except seedlings and saplings (stand size 4), in which case the number of stems are the criteria.

Yellow pine types: Forests in which 50 percent or more of the cubic volume or number of stems in the stand is shortleaf, pitch, or Virginia pine species. In mixtures the predominating species determines the type.

White pine: Forests in which 50 percent or more of the stand is eastern white pine and hemlock, either singly or in combination.

Oak-pine type: Forests in which 50 percent or more of the stand is hardwoods, usually upland oaks, but in which southern yellow pine species make up 25 to 49 percent of the stand.

Oak-hickory type: Upland hardwood forests in which 50 percent or more of the stand is composed of oak, hickory, yellow-poplar, soft maple, basswood, sweet birch, ash, and other hardwood species, except in cases where yellow pines made up 25 to 49 percent and the stand was classified as oak-pine type.

Oak-gum cypress type: Bottomland forests in which 50 percent or more of the stand is tupelo, blackgum, sweetgum, ash, oak, elm, maple, in mixture with cypress and other associated species, except where pines comprise 25-49 percent of the stand.

Stand-Size Classes

Sawtimber: Stands containing at least 1,500 board-feet net volume per acre, International 1/4-inch log rule, in sound, live, softwood trees 9.0 inches d.b.h. or larger, or hardwood trees 11.0 inches d.b.h. or larger. Two classes of sawtimber stands are recognized:

Large sawtimber: Stands of sawtimber having more than 50 percent of the net board-foot volume in trees 15.0 inches d.b.h. or larger.

Small sawtimber: Stands of sawtimber having 50 percent or more of the net board-foot volume in trees smaller than 15.0 inches d.b.h.

Poletimber: Stands failing to meet the minimum sawtimber specifications, but at least 10-percent stocked with trees 5.0 inches d.b.h. or larger and with at least half the minimum stocking in pole-size trees.

Seedling and saplings: Stands not qualifying as sawtimber or poletimber stands, but having at least a 10-percent stocking of trees of commercial species and with half the minimum stocking in seedlings and saplings.

Nonstocked and other areas: Forest areas not qualifying as sawtimber, poletimber, or seedling and sapling stands.

Diameters

D.b.h. (diameter at breast height): Stem diameter in inches, outside bark, measured at 4-1/2 feet above the ground.

Diameter class: All trees were tallied by 2-inch diameter classes, each class including diameters 1.0 inch below and 0.9 inch above the stated midpoint, e.g., trees 7.0 to and including 8.9 inches are included in the 8-inch class. Corresponding limits apply to other diameter classes.

Timber Quality Classification

Growing Stock

Sawtimber trees: Live softwood trees at least 9.0 inches d.b.h. and hardwood trees at least 11.0 inches d.b.h., with not less than one merchantable log 12 feet long, or with less than 50 percent of the gross volume of the tree in sound sawtimber. To be merchantable all saw logs must be at least 8 feet long and at least 50 percent sound. They must also meet the following requirements:

Softwood logs must have a scaling diameter of 6 inches or larger, and sweep or crook must not exceed two-thirds of the scaling diameter.

Hardwood logs must have a scaling diameter of 8 inches or larger and must pass specifications 2 for standard lumber logs, or tie and timber logs.

Poletimber trees: Straight-boled trees between 5.0 inches d.b.h. and sawtimber size.

Sapling-size trees: Trees 1.0 inch to 4.9 inches d.b.h. which will grow into poletimber or sawtimber-size trees of sound quality.

Other Material

Sound cull trees: Live trees of all sizes that are unmerchantable for saw logs now or prospectively because of species, poor form, excessive limbiness, or other sound defect.

Rotten cull trees: Live trees of all sizes that are unmerchantable for saw logs now or prospectively because of rotten defect.

Hardwood limbs: The limb volume of all hardwood sawtimber and cull trees to a minimum diameter of 4.0 inches inside bark.

Species Groups

Yellow pines: Includes shortleaf, loblolly, Virginia, and longleaf pine.

Other softwoods: White pine, hemlock, and eastern redcedar.

Soft hardwoods: Blackgum, sweetgum, yellow-poplar, soft maple, elm, sycamore, hackberry, buckeye, and willow.

Hard hardwoods: All of the oaks, hickories, ash, beech, birch, hard maple, black locust, black walnut, holly, dogwood, persimmon, and sourwood.

^{1/} For detailed specifications of log grades, see "Interim log grades for southern pine." Southern Forest Experiment Station, 18 pp. 1953.

^{2/} For detailed hardwood log grade specifications, see "Hardwood log grades for standard lumber: proposals and results." U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, D1737. 1949.

Volume Estimates

Board-foot volume: The volume in board feet, measured by the International 1/4-inch rule, exclusive of defect, of that portion of sound sawtimber trees between the stump and the upper limit of merchantability for saw logs.

Volume in cords: For sound trees the volume in standard cords (including bark) of the sound portion of trees 5.0 inches d.b.h. and larger, between stump and a minimum top-stem diameter of 4.0 inches inside bark. Similar volumes are given for cull trees. The volume in limbs, which are at least 4.0 inches in diameter inside bark, is shown separately for all sawtimbersize hardwoods.

Volume in cubic feet: Same as volume shown in cords except bark is not included.

International 1/4-inch \log rule: A rule for estimating the board-foot volume of 4-foot \log sections, according to the formula V = .905 (0.22D² - 0.71D). The taper allowance for computing the volume in \log lengths greater than four feet is 0.5 inch per 4-foot section. Allowance for saw kerf is 1/4 inch.

Standard cord: A stacked pile, 4 x 4 x 8 feet, of round or split bolts, estimated to contain, on the average, about 74 cubic feet of solid wood.

Growth and Timber Cut

Net growth.--The estimated volume of net growth includes the growth on the present growing stock, the growth on trees which died or were cut during the year, and the ingrowth resulting from smaller trees reaching volume size. It excludes mortality, or loss of volume in trees dying from natural causes. Net growth estimates are based on growth of sound trees. Growth of "other material" is not included.

In board-feet: The change during the calendar year in sawtimber volume resulting from growth, ingrowth, and mortality losses.

In cubic feet or cords: The change during the calendar year in the volume of all sound trees 5.0 inches and larger resulting from growth, ingrowth, and mortality losses.

Timber cut.--The volume of timber cut is based on the measurement and tally of stumps found on regular ground sample plots. Stumps of all trees cut during the past 3-year period are recorded and the measurements are converted into equivalent tree volume. The average yearly volume of timber cut for the 3-year period is then taken as the annual estimate. Boardfoot volumes include the saw-log portion of all sawtimber-size trees which were cut. Estimates in cubic feet or cords include the entire stem from stump to 4.0-inch top of all sound trees 5.0 inches in diameter and larger. Timber cut from cull or dead trees is not included.

Stocking

Stocking is the extent to which growing space is effectively utilized by trees. The number of stems present by d.b.h. classes was used as a basis for stocking classification. Areas having the minimum numbers of trees listed below, either in a single diameter class or proportionately in any combinations of diameter classes, were considered fully stocked.

	Minimum number
D.b.h.	trees per acre
Seedlings	1,000
2 inches	800
4 inches	590
6 inches	400
8 inches	240
10 inches	155
12 inches	115
14 inches	90

RELIABILITY OF FOREST SURVEY DATA

In general, the errors which affect the accuracy of Forest Survey area and timber volume estimates arise from two sources. These may be described as (1) sampling errors which result from using sampling procedures rather than making a complete inventory or canvass, and (2) non-sampling errors which arise from human mistakes in judgment, measurement, recording, or arithmetic.

In Forest Survey work a diligent effort is made to maintain a high degree of accuracy in the collection and compilation of data. The sampling errors are held to a specified minimum through survey design and sampling technique. These errors are the only measurable errors involved in computing the reliability of the data. The non-sampling errors are minimized or eliminated through training, supervision, field check cruises, and complete editing and machine verification in compiling the data.

Forest area.--The sampling intensity of the 1956 survey provided an estimate of the total forest area with a standard error of ±0.8 percent. The probabilities are two out of three that the actual forest area is within ±0.8 percent of the estimated acreage. The standard error per million acres was ±1.9 percent.

Cubic volume.--The standard error of the net cubic-foot volume estimate was 12.4 percent, or 15.4 percent per billion cubic feet. Here again, the probabilities are two out of three that the actual volume does not vary from the estimated volume by more than this percentage. The error of the volume in standard cords was not computed, but it should be approximately the same as for cubic volume.

Board-foot volume. -- The standard error of the total board-foot volume estimate was ±3.0 percent.

Growth.--Estimates of timber growth are based on measurements of radial growth on 2,985 sample trees, and on mortality data taken on sample plots. Because of technical problems involved, no attempt was made to compute the sampling error of growth estimates.

Timber cut.--Estimates of the amount of timber cut were based on the number and size of stumps tallied on cutover plots. Stumps of all trees cut during the 3-year period preceding date of inventory were recorded, and the measurements were converted into tree volume. The average volume of timber cut for the 3-year period was taken as the annual estimate. The standard error for the total volume of growing stock cut was ±8.7 percent, or ±3.9 percent per billion cubic feet.

Use of county data. -- The tables showing forest area, timber volumes, and timber cut by county are included to permit grouping of the data in any desired area combinations. In designing the survey, provision was made for controlling the range of sampling error on a county basis. However, comparison or use of individual county statistics should be avoided because of the possibility that they may be subject to considerable error. It is recommended that area or volume data for a minimum of five counties be combined, and that at least 10 counties be used when working with data on timber cut.

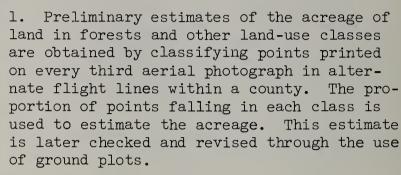
The actual range of errors on county data are shown below:

	Percent of	error
<u>Item</u>	Low	High
Forest area Growing stock volume Board-foot volume	±3.7 ±9.2 ±11.5	±9.0 ±13.9 ±15.4

HOW THE FOREST INVENTORY IS MADE

The present system of inventory is a two-step method which includes land-use classification of points on aerial photographs followed by the cruising of ground sample plots. The county is the basic work unit. The detailed procedure is as follows:



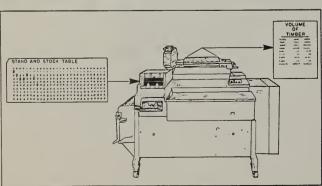




2. Ground sample plots are selected in a systematic manner from the forest land classifications made in Step 1, using an interval which will provide sufficient plots to meet established limits of error per billion cubic feet of timber. This results in a proportional sample of all existing timber stands. Timber cruisers make a detailed description and tally of the ground plots to obtain data on timber volume, quality, stocking, and mortality. Samples of agricultural and other photo classifications are also checked on the ground to verify or adjust the area estimates based on these classifications.



3. Growth estimates are based on increment borings taken proportionally from sample trees of various diameters and species in each forest type and stand class. The volume of timber cut is computed from a tally of the stumps of trees cut on the plots during a specified period.



4. All field data are sent to Asheville for editing and are placed on punch cards for machine sorting and tabulation. Final estimates are based on statistical summaries of the data.

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